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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Service

March 20th—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Service

March 24th—7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday Service

March 25th—7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Services

March 27th

Easter SONrise Service—7:00 a.m.
church lawn (followed by Continental breakfast in Perry Hall)

Easter Worship Service—10:00 a.m.
Sanctuary



Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 13th

**Don't forget to set your clocks
ahead one hour!**

Dear Friends in Faith,

****What follows should be read as half-serious, half-humorous, and with a good bit of dramatic flair****

I've just spent the last 30 minutes staring at a blank screen. Watching my cursor blink against the white page while I wondered how to say what I want to say eloquently. Well, I'm giving up on eloquent. Because all I really want to do is pull up my soapbox, wring my hands imploringly and shout: *Come to Holy Week Worship!**

I can already imagine Kevin rolling his eyes at this. He's heard my speech. He's heard me threaten to bring back the old Methodist 'ticket system' and only allow people with bulletins from Holy Week into Easter worship. He's seen me throw up my hands and declare: "Jesus *has* to die! How can we sing 'He Lives' if Jesus never dies?!" Even my clergy friends have stopped asking if I'm planning a Good Friday service, they know the answer is *always* yes. — Deep breath —

If it isn't clear already, I think that Holy Week is *really, really* important. It's not so much because I buy into the idea of atonement through sacrifice, nor that Holy Week reminds us of the suffering servant. Instead, these stories give a deeper depth to our faith. They are the stories that give voice to the hopelessness and despair we face in our own lives. This is the dark backdrop against which the joy of Easter dawns. Apart from these stories, the miracle of Easter doesn't make sense. We need to hear of the cross and the darkness and betrayal to understand the miraculous light of God's faithfulness that greets us Easter morning. These stories, all together, fuel our triumphant Hallelujah chorus!

So dear friends, I will say it again: Please, come and worship with us throughout this Holy Week. Let's experience the fullness of our Christian story together. You'll see more information about these services throughout this newsletter.

Peace,
Pastor Janelle

*I know, sometimes we *can't* get to worship on a weeknight. Maybe we can't drive at night, or we work at night. I really do understand, for all my soapboxing I can't even be here Thursday evening! (Yes, hypocritical shame is washing over me!) So, if you can't make it to worship, please read the Scriptures that tell the Holy Week stories: For Maundy Thursday—John 13; For Good Friday—John 18:1-19:42

Church Calendar

Wednesday (Mar. 9)

Chancel Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (Mar. 10)

Women's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Friday (Mar. 11)

Parents' Night Out—5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Perry Hall

Sunday (Mar. 13)

Daylight Savings Time begins

Youth Sunday School—9:30 to 10:00 a.m., Youth Room

Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour —after worship service, Perry Hall

Youth Choir—after worship, Sanctuary

All Church Lenten Enrichment Hour—11:30, Fireside Room

Monday (Mar. 14)

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Tuesday (Mar. 15)

Men's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Wednesday (Mar. 16)

Chancel Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Sunday (Mar. 20)

Youth Sunday School—9:30 to 10:00 a.m., Youth Room

Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour —after worship service, Perry Hall

Youth Choir—after worship, Sanctuary

All Church Lenten Enrichment Hour—11:30, Fireside Room

Looking Ahead

Thursday (Mar. 24)

Maundy Thursday Service—7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday (Mar. 25)

Church offices closed.

Good Friday Service—7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday (Mar. 27) Easter Sunday

SONrise Service—7:00 a.m., front yard of church, followed by Continental breakfast in Perry Hall

Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Tent City 3—dinner prep. @ 2 p.m., delivery & serving approximately 5 p.m.

Youth News! From Jeny

Serve your Church!

Help with Parents Night Out on March 11, 5-8pm

On March 11, we will be hosting a Parents Night Out! This could be an excellent way to give back to your community by coming down and helping make crafts and play games with little kids! Plus, free dinner! If you're willing to serve in this way, text (356-8991) or email (sandpointumcyouth@gmail.com) Jeny.

Easter Egg Stuffing Party: March 20th, 6pm Youth Room

All Middle/High School students are invited to come help stuff the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt that will happen following the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service. We will stuff eggs, eat candy, talk, eat candy, listen to music, eat candy...though we need to make sure we put more candy in eggs than we eat! Let Jeny know via email or text if you can help out.

Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Services

March 24/25, 7pm Sanctuary

If you've never attended these services, this is a good year to start! I will be presiding over Maundy Thursday and Pastor Janelle will preside over Good Friday. A lot happens to Jesus between Palm Sunday and Easter and these services will explore these through music, scripture and poetry.

Here Comes the Son!: March 27th, 7am Outside the Church

Pastor Janelle is leading a short service celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as the sun rises upon us. Afterwards, we will have a light breakfast. If you've never had a chance to worship and celebrate in this way, come experience this amazing service with us.

Easter Egg Hunt: March 27th, 11:30am On the Front Lawns

During the offering in Easter Service, all Middle/High School youth are invited to help hide eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt following service. We will gather in the Narthex as soon as the ushers come forward to take the offering. Once we are one, we will return to service. If you can stay after and help the youngest kids find eggs, that would be wonderful!

*Youth Group Resumes! April 3rd, 6-7:30pm Youth Room

Now that Lent and Easter are over, come reconnect with friends and talk about our Spring and Summer plans!



Please Pray in Memorial for:

Irma Johnson—wife of the late Winston Johnson

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A GREAT UNITED METHODIST TRADITION: LAZY F CAMP

Ngaire and I are honored to represent Lazy F camp. Please be our guests for dinner on Sunday night, April 10 at the Queen City Yacht Club. We will tell you about the exciting plans — which are more than half-way funded — to build a new dining hall for this always-packed United Methodist camp in Ellensburg.

Lazy F has a problem: It's enormously successful! The camp accommodates 160 guests, and it is booked to capacity most of the year. But the dining hall seats only 90. The new dining hall will be enormously important for facilitating connectional and fun meal times!

Please come as our guests and help us support this exciting UMC success story! **RSVP to:** Bruce Taylor at bruce@fantasyindex.com / 206-522-6683 or Ngaire Taylor at 206-778-1344 / ngaire@aol.com.

Easter Lily Donations

If you would like to donate a fresh Easter lily for the altar on Easter Sunday, March 27, please purchase your own potted Easter lily plant and put it on the altar (or on the platform in front of the altar) by 9:40 Easter morning. If you would like to honor a loved one with your donation, please call the church office with that information at 206-523-3040. You may take your lily home following the Easter service.



Questions? Contact Sue Haas at 206-522-0693. Thank you!

Parent's Night Out on Friday, March 11th 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.— Perry Hall

Parents can enjoy a few hours on their own while our staff and volunteers facilitate games, art activities, eat dinner, and watch a short movie. This event is open to children ages 6 months – 12 years. Please reserve your child's spot with Jeny Carlson by calling 206-523-3040 or at sandpointumcyouth@gmail.com. Please register as soon as possible. Suggested donation of \$5 per child/\$10 per family.

From Your Lay Leader ...

On a recent Saturday I attended the Seattle District sponsored Spring Training at Des Moines United Methodist Church. Among the one hundred and fifty some participants there were five others from Sand Point as well.

The Bellevue Korean worship team and the Samoan Choir from Riverton Park United Methodist Church got us off to a rousing start. Then, before introducing the keynote speaker, Rev. Rich Lang, District Superintendent, asked us to consider the following questions. *“How do you love God in the other? Have you ever experienced God in such a way that everything changed for you?”* After some inspirational remarks, he segued into a celebration as he promised that a check for over \$15,000 was in the mail to El Dios Viviente. The donations had come from other congregations in the district and were geared towards a 15-seat van for their growing children’s ministry. Todd Shively, Music Director at Trinity United Methodist Church, led the congregation in singing. Then we settled in to listen to Paul Shoemaker, author of Can’t Not Do. I have a copy of the book which I will put in the church library for you to access. Shoemaker talked about connections and how those connections with others in our community can be a positive factor in social change. He called it a “collective impact” when people connect with each other to put their ideas and individual skills into action for change.

I attended two workshops. One was led by Cecille Corsilles, an occupational therapist who currently teaches at the college level. She shared an assessment tool with us, *“How Accessible and Inclusive is Our Faith Community?”* Are we and our building inviting and accessible to those with disabilities? Here at Sand Point we have improved our sound system and made room for walkers and wheelchairs. Our trustees and church council are working on improving the safety of all attendees. The second workshop was led by D.J. and Joe from the Bothell UMC. They talked about expectations of membership as relating to the community and to discipleship.

The day concluded with a few final words from Reverend Lang. He asked, *“What will you do next?”* He said the vision for our district is to focus on the future. It is a transitional time for our church. - Sylvia Abbott

Sand Point Housing Update

Changes have been happening at Sand Point Housing. Beginning this year, all *transitional* family housing units have become *permanent* housing units. Only Santos Place (units for single adults) continues to be transitional. For the past 15± years, our Missions Team has participated in an interfaith group that has collected items for and staffed the Resource Room, provided welcome baskets and Thanksgiving dinner baskets for all residents in transitional housing. We also enjoyed a few potluck dinners and picnics with the residents to extend the sense of community. Because of the changes, we no longer need to provide these services. With mixed feelings we are ending our participation with SPH by the end of this month. Much was accomplished to make a difference in the lives of many, **thanks to the love and support of this and the other congregations.** **THANK YOU** for your love, kindness and generosity year after year! The Missions Ministry Team is looking into other local agencies to see how we might continue to serve our community.

Easter Egg Hunt



Plans for our annual Sand Point Easter Egg Hunt are underway and we need your help for it to be another successful year. Any help with set up prior to and crowd control for the Easter Egg Hunt following Worship would be greatly appreciated!

Contact Sarah Ritchey at spcittleones@gmail.com if you are available to help out on Easter or if you have any questions at all.

Easter Candy Donations

The Easter Bunny is looking for nut-free treats/candy donations to fill our plastic Easter eggs. If, for some reason, extra candy hops into your shopping cart, please feel free to re-gift the goodies as a contribution to the Easter Egg Hunt. The candy can be dropped off in the office or you can pass it off directly into the capable hands of Sarah, Jeny, or Meredith.